

# The juicy bits...

All the important details are here, but if there is something we have missed, please feel free to contact us using the details at the bottom.

## Date

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
October 2018

## Language

The language of the study session is English, which all participants must be able to speak. Your English does not have to be perfect, but you should be able to have a normal conversation.

## Price

Registration fee is 75 Euros, including accommodation and food. International travel expenses and visa costs (if necessary) will be met by the participants. If finance is a barrier to your participation, we have a limited fund to help with transport costs. Please contact Adric for more details

## Place

Next Step will take place at Silkeborg Højskole, Silkeborg, Denmark. The better airports are Billund or Copenhagen.

## Participant age

The study session is not restricted by age.

## Application deadline

All applications received by the Course Director before **1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 will have a reduction of 25 EUR. If you register after this date, it is considered late, and the full course fee of 75 EUR applies.**

When applying to participate in Next Step you must fill in the application form and submit it to the Course Director. Your own organisation should be aware of your application

More details about the study session, application forms and the participants profile are available from:

<http://bit.ly/2nextstep>

If you have any questions, please contact Rasmus Bach Ottosen or Adric Etheredge, Course Directors.

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# ADVANCED Next Step

## Study session

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Organisational  
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European  
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International  
& Ecumenical

Personal  
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# What is Next Step?

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A study session where 25 leaders from about 15 different national youth organisations come together for a week to exchange ideas about topics that concern us all (and have a lot of fun along the way!).

It is a week led by a planning team of expert trainers and facilitators who have experience in the themes and create a mutual learning situation where participants can compare their approaches to youth participation, intercultural dialogue and leading activities or events, organisational management and development.

All participants are expected to have some experience in international youth work, project management or youth participation. They must also be active in their organisation (at local, regional or national level) and have contact to young people.

Whether you have limited expertise in this, or have been leading international projects for a long time, there is space for every level of learning.

This is an ideal opportunity to meet with and be inspired by other young people who are engaged with youth participation and committed to getting the voice of young people heard. Suitable for leaders and members of international committees, trainers, youth workers, staff, volunteers, local group leaders and young people who want to be part of, or lead their own project in the near future.



# The method

We will all eat and live together at Silkeborg Højskole, starting each day with a morning prayer organised by the participants. There will be morning and afternoon study sessions in the style of informal learning followed by a relaxed, networking based “pub” style evening program.

The course will include typical informal learning methods, for example: group discussions, brain storming, group work and lectures from experts. With 25 people at the session, you will also sometimes be split into different workshops to explore issues that are more relevant to you and attend sessions according to your specific training needs.

A Study session relies on your input and your interaction. The more energy and input you put into the week, the more you can expect to get out of it. Peer to peer learning is achieved through discussions and drawing from each others experiences.

# Networks

A key part of the session is to create contacts and build networks between our organisations

## Intercultural & Ecumenical

We will explore Intercultural Learning and communication on different levels, not only theory, but practical advice. Alongside this we will explore issues around Ecumenical youth work, including theological discussions and workshops.

## Organisational prospective

Discussing and sharing good examples of common issues in our international committees and wider in the organisations, for example: recruitment of participants, communication, networking, funding and conflict transformation. Also a reflective look at the role of youth organisations in today's society.

## Personal Skills

Workshops will provide the opportunity to develop specific skills needed to lead, create and deliver international projects or training courses like Easter Course and EuroCourse. Ideal for future planning team members



# The content

The course will follow three threads focusing on different areas, but with a common theme. Most of the course will be the three streams together, however there will also be topics that it makes more sense to separate and take sessions separately.



# Global leader

A more general training looking at equipping leaders with international skills. This thread will look at how organisations are contributing either directly or indirectly to the UN Sustainable development goals. We will also explore leadership in great depth, looking inward to discover your leadership type and areas of potential for personal development. Looking outwards to explore methods for leading volunteers including systemic leadership. The trainers are experts in training leaders of volunteers in youth organisations and disseminating global goals to a variety of audiences.

# International event leader

You have attended an international camp or course and want to take the next step, being able to organise such an event in the future. Or you are already arranging regional and national events and want to transfer your skills to an international setting. You will cover Intercultural dialogue, Interreligious dialogue, Project Management, Youth Participation, Leadership skills, Game development. The trainers combined have created thousands of international courses and equipped hundreds of young people with the tools and skills to do the same.



# International committee leader

You are in the international committee of your organisation or the international secretary. This thread is full of best practices from various international committees throughout Europe. We are all doing similar work in the organisations and working around different challenges. How do you connect the grass roots level of the organisation to the international offers you worked hard to get? What are the options and what are the barriers? How can you get everyone in your organisation to be as passionate about international work as you? You will cover strategic mid and long term planning, marketing and promotion, structuring and Communication of international offers, conflict transformation, intercultural dialogue and a session introducing the perfect international committee. The trainers are highly experienced current and former international staff and volunteers as well as executive members of global and national organisations who can give their perspective on how to get your board onside.

